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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TURKISH POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON FEBRUARY 6, 1975, ECMEL BARUTCU IN CHARGE OF CYPRUS AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE MADE CLEAR THAT ANKARA HAS NOT RULED OUT AGREEING TO AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONSIDERS SUCH A STEP PREMATURE FOR THE MOMENT, ANKARA MAY AUTHORIZE IT IN RETALIATION IF THE GREEK COMMUNITY INSISTS ON ACTING AS THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. BARUTCU CITED UN RESOLUTIONS RECOGNIZING THE "EQUAL FOOTING" OF THE COMMUNITIES AS REQUIRING THE GREEKS IN CYPRUS TO LOWER THEIR GOVERNMENT TO THE LEVEL OF A COMMUNITY. OTHERWISE, HE MAINTAINED, THE TURKS WOULD HAVE TO RAISE THEIR COMMUNITY TO A GOVERNMENT.

2. BARUTCU MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT FOR THE PRESENT

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CYPRUS IS TAKING SECOND PLACE TO THE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT

CONSIDERATION OF TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT
THE TURKS WOULD NOT BREAKOFF THE COMMUNICAL TALKS, BUT NOW
REGARDED THEM AS AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY.
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